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Dear Max:

To answer your question about advertising circulars: Miss Berman was the only applicant worth any consideration that we evoked in this way. However, I would imagine that a larger, and more compact department might do very well. I only sent out a very few such letters (about 15) and I just think that there weren't any suitable prospects.

I'm sorry you won't be going to Ames. As far as I know now, I won't be at the SAB meetings in Boston, but Zinder will be and you may be interested to talk to him about the Salmonella transduction.

Miss Lively now has a good prospect for a very appropriate job. I may very well regret not keeping her on, but there just wasn't the space to continue a supernumerary on a project that was not the immediate focus. We have some body of information now on single segregant clones (from platings of single-cell microcolonies of H-226 and H-267). This does not alter the general picture very much, and some complementaries to prevalent types are not represented, even statistically. I am greatly tempted to throw out all of our K-12 cultures that have a history of mutagenic treatment. Esther has been isolating some new sets of auxotrophs as spontaneous (but selected) mutants, and I hope these will give a better general picture. Rather than take time to repeat a lot of details, I am enclosing a summary of current stuff from a progress report that had to be mimeographed anyhow.

May I ask just what the Bact. setup is at Cornell? I thought you were Prof. of Dairy Industry, but your last letter had Bacteriology under your name?

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg.